

Media Release

Prairie Bear Theatre and Friendly Bear Theatre Company combine forces to produce *Joan / Jehanne* for the 2021 Calgary Fringe Festival

June 15, 2021 (Toronto, Canada) – Prairie Bear Theatre is proud to announce its partnership with Friendly Bear Theatre Company to offer the coproduction of *Joan / Jehanne* in the 2021 Calgary Fringe Festival. *Joan / Jehanne* will be presented on-demand as part of the Digital Theatre Playhouse, “a unique one-of-a-kind online viewing experience [...] be prepared to be amazed by the diversification of work being presented by artists from across the globe! In addition to livestream performances, we will also have a selection of ‘on demand’ pre-recordings from which to choose from with closed captioning provided” as per a Calgary Fringe Festival announcement.

“Prairie Bear Theatre was set to produce the world premiere of *Detritus* by Garrett Mallory Scott at the 2020 Calgary Fringe Festival when unfortunately, we had to postpone our production due to the COVID-19 global pandemic. *Detritus* has been put on hold until safety precautions allow for it to be presented live but in the meantime we are delighted to coproduce *Joan / Jehanne* with Friendly Bear Theatre Company. The production will be available at the 2021 Hamilton Fringe Festival on-demand in Ontario as well as the 59E59 Theaters East to Edinburgh Goes Digital in New York and then the stars aligned above Calgary and I couldn’t pass up the opportunity to get these two coincidentally named theatre companies together to further the reach of this great piece” says Prairie Bear Theatre artistic director, Monique Danielle.

Joan / Jehanne will be available for audiences to watch on demand from Monday, July 26 thru Saturday, August 14. Tickets will be available for sale from the Calgary Fringe [website](#) starting on Thursday, July 1. Full price tickets are \$15 for non-members or \$12 for FRINGER+ members and 100% of this ticket price goes back to the artists. Additional Pay What You Can/Pay What You Want (PWYC/PWYW) tickets will be available tiered at \$2, \$5, \$10 for those that may not be able to afford a full priced ticket) and \$25, \$50 (for those that may want to give a bit more) or which 100% goes back to the artists. THEATRE ON DEMAND/FRINGE HINDSIGHT 2020 ALL ACCESS PASSES will also be available for \$180 for non-members or \$140 for FRINGER+ members, the accumulated revenue of which will be divided equally among all participating THEATRE ON DEMAND/FRINGE HINDSIGHT 2020 artists. ALL ACCESS PASSES allow patrons access to all of the digital offerings available at the 2021 Calgary Fringe Festival.

Event: *Joan / Jehanne* at the Calgary Fringe Festival

Date: Monday, July 26 – Saturday, August 14

Time / Location: On demand

Cost: \$15 for non-members, \$12 for FRINGER+ members (additional Pay What You Can and All Access Passes available)

Tickets: Available on July 1 at CalgaryFringe.ca

Prairie Bear Theatre and Friendly Bear Theatre Company adhere to COVID-19 health and safety guidelines and confirm that rehearsal and filming of *Joan / Jehanne* was completed in compliance with government health regulations in the Province of Ontario.

About Prairie Bear Theatre

A Prairie Bear is a mystical and imaginative beast born out of creative minds and young love. Founded in southern Alberta in 2015, Prairie Bear Theatre focuses on presenting art by, for and including Mad artists and individuals with lived experience through work that features content about mental health experiences and issues. Our vision is to give a stage to emerging artists, a voice to those not often heard and to invite audiences to be a part of the madness. We can't wait to welcome you to Prairie Bear Theatre. For more information visit: www.PrairieBearTheatre.com or follow us on Twitter: [@PrairieBearTO](https://twitter.com/PrairieBearTO) | Facebook: [Prairie Bear Theatre](https://www.facebook.com/PrairieBearTheatre) | Instagram: [@PrairieBearTheatre](https://www.instagram.com/PrairieBearTheatre)

About Friendly Bear Theatre Company

Friendly Bear Theatre Company is a Toronto-based indie theatre company that is reimagining accepted practices surrounding theatre creation. We prioritize work with gender-marginalized artists and other equity-seeking groups. For more information follow us on Facebook: [Friendly Bear Theatre](https://www.facebook.com/FriendlyBearTheatre) | Instagram: [@FriendlyBearTheatre](https://www.instagram.com/FriendlyBearTheatre)

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